LOCAL NEWS

Phone 30 to report locals or bring them to our office See that all the local news gets in this column. Mrs. Calvin H. Robinson, local reporter.

Richard Caldwell of Martinsville was home for the weekend.

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A. R. Harwood and D. Moses spent a few days in North Carolina.

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Mrs. W. H. Wright is visiting relatives in Maryland.

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Ned LeGrande spent the week end in Roxboro N. C.

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Miss Anna Lee Freeman is visiting relatives in Watsika III.

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Miss Emily Featherston is visiting in Bon Air this week.

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Miss Telma Morris spent the week end in Lynchburg.

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Mrs. L. D. Puckett and daughter, Virginia, of Roxboro, N. C. are visiting relatives here.

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Miss Patty Featherston of Roanoke, is spending this week with her brother N. R. Featherston.

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Mr. and Mrs. Jones Caldwell of Lynchburg visited his mother, Mrs. M C. Caldwell last week.

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Mrs. Allyn Carter, of Gladston is visiting her mother, Mrs. S. A. Ferguson.

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W. G. Moore of Fieldal spent the weekend in the home of Mrs. H. C. Babcock.

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Mrs. Louella Morris and Mrs. Hel Welch spent the week-end in Lynchburg.

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Garland Plunkett has returned from a six week stay at Fort Washington, Maryland.

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Mr. and Mrs. Lewis B. Winters of here are visiting relatives in Lancaster, Pa.

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Mr. and Mrs. Harold Stossel and son of Front Royal, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ed Purdum.

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Clyde O'Brien and Miss Cecil Conner have returned from a visit in Wheeling, West Virginia.

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Mrs. F. L. Murphy has returned from the Hospital in Lynchburg and is getting along nicely.

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Bertrand Lee left Thursday for Langley Field where he has enlisted in the Air Service of the United States Army.

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Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Baldwin and daughter of Bonair and Mrs. Lucye White of Philadelphia spent Sunday in the home of N. R. Featherston.

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J. T. and G. A. Abbitt of Bluefield West Virginia spent the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Abbitt.

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Miss Dorothy Davidson of Bluefield spent the weekend with Miss Elizabeth Abbitt.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Cofer who have been visiting relatives in and around town have returned to their home in Bluefield.

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Mrs. Dabney Anderson is visiting in the home of Mrs. Robert Coleman.

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T. F. Coleman is visiting in Richmond.

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Mrs. W. M. Thompson, Mrs. Florence Glenn and Mr. and Mrs. Cameron White, were dinner guests of Miss Louisa Gills Monday evening.

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Miss Katherine Gills and mother have returned from a northern trip.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Dinwiddie and family moved to Sweet Briar Wednesday.

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Miss Sarah Frances Pretlow has returned to her home in Norfolk after spending some time with Misses Carolyn and Virginia Moses.

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Owing to the recent ruling of the County Board of Health that persons under 16 years of age should not attend public gatherings of any kind, the Baptist Sunday School decided to postpone their picnic which was to have been presented on Friday August 2. The date on which it will be given will be announced later.

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Misses Helen and Frances Marshall of Lynchburg spent last week with Miss Susie Plunkett.

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Miss Eloise Abbitt has returned from a visit in Victoria.

Mr. Burge Moore was a dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Owen Sunday.

Mr. J. P. Hughes and Mr. R. D. Hughes of Lynchburg visited friends in Oakville Sunday.

Miss Ilone Smith of Appomattox spent the weekend at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Waiton.

Mr. Houston Crowder of Richmond spent the weekend at the home of Mrs. Jesse Harvey.

Mr. and Mrs. Branch Coleman and son, Mr. Alonzer Goodman visited in the home of O. W. Martin Sunday.

ROMANCE OF THE SOUTH

By Mary Louise Gills.

The South from its embryonic stage has been a land of Romance. It was the cradle of a great new nation. Jamestown Island afforded just the romantic setting for the birth of America, the beautiful land of brave men and fair women. Around the grey banks of the Island, the blue James sweeps proudly in endless rhythm; ancient gnarled trees, silent sentinels of Time, "lift their leafy arms to pray". Yet standing is the old church tower in mute testimony of man's dependance upon God in those perilous days when wild beast, roamed the forest and the Red Men were not always friendly.

Many and varied were the motives actuating those who came to live in the new land, but in the main they sought adventure, lured by the romance of a vast unknown country.

There were enough dangers and thrills, to test the hardihood of the most adventurous. Often the stillness of the night was broken by the shrill scream of the panther; the awful howl of a pack of hungry wolves; the war whoop of the Indians accompanied by the deadly scalp and tomahawk. The fortifications of the early settlers were crude and insecure, their means of defence and resistance limited to over there were scattered tribes of Indians with whom they traded, the white men found those earliest Americans a picturesque race, living the life of nomads, worshiping the Great Spirit. Their painted and tatooed bodies were tall, strong and almost bare of clothing.

Another race soon came to the South, the African. Being accustomed to the warm climate the negro could work all day in the cotton and tobacco field, without ill effect. He became of inestimable value to the Southern Planter. The colored Mammy played a unique and commendable role in the domestic circle. With face beaming in turbaned headdress and stiffly stretched white apron, she presided over her little domain. In the kitchen which was usually separated from the "Great House" a mistress with her retinue of younger assistants attended to the cooking operations. This she did with the consummate skill of an artist, though few places, some of them capable of roasting a fair size ox, were the only means by which she could produce her culinary triumphs. Such savory aromas. Shades of the ancient epicureans. By nature sensitive, radical the negro brought with him from his native shores strange and weird superstitions.

The romance of the Cavalier period when gentlemen wore knee britches, silver buckles and powered their hair has been woven into many a thrilling tales. They were bold, daring and fearless, handling the sword and pistol with extreme agility. With little provocation, especially where the honor of a gentleman or a lady was envolved even questioned a duel would be called and fought to its deadly finish. In their lighter moments, the Kentucky colonel and the Virginia gentleman enjoyed the game of chess accompanied by the refreshing mint julep. Women at this stage in their evolution were clinging vines and swooned at the slightest pretext. They wore hoop skirts, piled their mass of powered hair high on their head, having a few curls to stray coquettishly over the shoulder. To populate the new land, ship loads of women were brought over to become wives of the planters. These new arrivals were paid for with so many pounds of tobacco.

From the colonial days to the war between the states the South was developed in a romantic glamour. Great plantations scattered over her hills and valleys. At night the Great House would be lighted with irridescent chandeliers and the family with their guests would dance. The Virginia Reel while the sweet toned melodeon in the drawing room would wake to subtle music at the touch of dainty white fingers and gallent gentlemen would guide lovely ladies through the maze of the minuet. Often the music was furnished by negroes strumming on the banjo and guitar. The langorous moon shown through the long French windows on the polished floor. High laughter, beauty, music, and dreams.

However life in the glamorous South was not always peaceful and gay. It has been the battleground of America, witnessing the grim, ruthless wars of more than two centuries, offering on the alter of sacrifice men of unswerving patriotism. The rom in one sense a great history is inextricably interwoven with history of America, Patrick Henry in his famous speech expressed the spirit of her people: "Give me liberty or give me death." Thus did the South rise in righteous indignation to throw off the yoke of British oppression. What untold privitations and hardships were endured to gain independance for the American colonies. Then when victory had crowned her sacrifices, Thomas Jefferson, a distinguished son of Virginia, wrote the document of Independence. The Constitution of the United States was then written by the hand of James Madison another Virginian. It breathed the spirit of liberty and state sovereignty and other principles for which the South has suffered to uphold. She gave to the newly established republic its first president, General George Washington. Such contribution as the South has made to the cause of democracy cannot be compared. She was a mighty factor in building and developing the nation.

When the threatning clouds of the war between the states hung over America, the South called together her great statesmen to meet at a peace conference at Washington But in vain were her efforts to restore harmony.

Against frightful odds she struggled through four years of war to preserve the sacred principles upon which our government rests. Defeat came at Appomattox, but the heroism of her soldiers, the dauntless courage of Southern women and the names of Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson will live through the coming ages. The Spirit of the South is invincible and cannot die.

"Truth crushed to Earth shall rise again, the Eternal years of God are hers."

From the ashes of defeat the South has emerged, radient, into an era of unprecented prosperity.

The romance of the growth of her great Industries is an interesting chapter in history. Her poets and writers deserve a high niche in the literature of all time.

The romance of her ancient flower gardens has been the theme of song and story. magnolias, branched in the ardent sun, crape myrtle, yellow jasmine, and rose fragrance floating down the years.

A land of enchantment is the South. Many are her natural wonders of mountains, Mountains, bold crowned, limpid lakes, mighty seas, the Mississippi, Father of waters, contributes to the glory and grandeur of her scenery. Upon her unresisting shore the great Atlantic beats, in endless rhythm, colorful, sapphire, emerald, pearl in the moon's white magic mold ton gold of the dawning day. The west panorama of the beautiful South catches and holds the enraptured visitor.

May this land of wonder and delight attain new heights of glory, keeping intract all her fine traditions, close great and lofty principles for which she has through the years suffered to perpetua e.

To the Voter, of Appomattox, Charlotte, Buckingham and Cumberland Counties:

My Campaign for the Senate is drawing to a close. The Primary is next Tuesday. I am sorry it was impossible to see and talk to every voter due to the large number in the District. I earnestly solicit your vote and support.

I am deeply grateful to everyone for the kindness and consideration shown me. I pledge to the Voters of this District, if I am nominated and elected, I will impartially and actively at all times exert my very best effort for the interest of my District and Welfare of the State at large.

Your friend,
CHARLES T. MOSES.

A PROPHECY

Significant economic developments to be expected in the next decade are listed by a prominent business writer as follows: (1) Higher standard of living. (2) Continued advances in technical processes of production. (3) Factory built houses, better and cheaper than hand made houses. (4) Sound cheaper money. (5) Faster travel. (6) News printed by radio. (7) Mechanical cotton picker, revolutionizing the south. (8) Cheaper electric power. (9) Better distribution of goods; more chain stores. (10) Another depression five or six years hence, preceded by an inflationary boom.

TELLS HOW BANKS AIDED PROGRESS

Economist Describes the Ways Banking Institutions Have Contributed to Development of United States

OMAHA, Nebr.—Privately owned banking, despite its faults, has served America well, William A. Irwin, Professor of Economics, Washburn College, Topeka, Kansas, declared in a recent address here on "Banking in a Changing World."

"Under the leadership of individual banking has helped to bring this country to a foremost place in economic development among the nations of the world," he said. "The small community has been developed by the individual bank. The frontiers of America have been pushed forward by the help and counsel of the individual banker. The shocks of wars and depressions in a century and a half have been withstood with the assistance of the individual banker.

Change May Be Necessary

"It may be that we have reached a tide in the affairs of America when new methods are needed. It may be that we have come to a point where the individual should be submerged for 'the greatest good of the greatest number.'

"It may even be that complete centralization of the banking system has become an economic necessity in our complicated social life. But the banker ought to be satisfied that these things are so before he should give up his fight for the system we have known. We came to greatness under that kind of banking; we should not give it up without unmistakable proof of the absolute necessity of such a change."

Paid Political Advertisement

To The Democratic Voters of Appomattox and Buckingham Counties

After many weeks of political activity, the time has now come for the voters of Appomattox and Buckingham Counties to make their selection of a man to represent these two counties in the House of Delegates as a successor to Col. A.J. Terrell.

I earnestly solicit your vote and support in the Primary next Tuesday. Due to the fact that this is the largest in area of any Legislative District in Virginia, it has been impossible for me to see every voter personally.

I wish to express my appreciation for the cordial reception the people of the two counties have given my candidacy. I wish to call attention to the fact that I have diligently sought to keep my campaign on a clean and gentlemanly basis and that I have taken no public or private part in any manner, shape or form, in the campaign of any other candidate for any other office.

The people are entitled to know the stand of the Legislative candidates on all issues and where such stands differ, the voter decides at the polls how the district shall be represented on the bills to come before the General Assembly.

As a business man, I recognize the financial distress of the farmers and I believe in a sound balancing of the state Budget. I know that our people want no further increase in taxation and that expenditures should be guided by present income.

I favor a reasonable old age pension if it can be soundly financed with no increase in the tax burden on real estate, tangible personal property or the necessities of life.

I am opposed to all laws that will tend to break down Sunday observance to abolish the "Blue Laws" built up through generations means a wide open Sunday, and local option in the matter opens the door to commercialization of the Sabbath.

The present Sunday "Blue laws" allow a wide margin for the exercise of ones individual conscience as to various minor recreation on the Sabbath day, but to attempt to tear down the fundamental structure of laws regarding the Sabbath against commercial pursuits, is another and serious matter, and I am heartily opposed to any laws that would in any way lead to such results.

In the Richmond Times-Dispatch poll of the candidates of July 20, 1935, page 18, column 3, I voted against the abolition of the Blue laws and against local option, as did both candidates for the State Senate in this District.

The public stand of my opponent for the House, in the said paper, page and column, was for abolition of Blue laws and for local option.

The Richmond Times-Dispatch of the same date, page, and column stated as follows

"John B. Boatwright, House candidate from Buckingham, said: 'I think that these laws have been out grown but that there is not sufficient public sentiment behind them to make them of any value. My observation is that they are disregarded, which is bad in regard to any law, and I cannot see that they serve any good purpose.'"

Moving pictures can be of great good or of evil and I favor keeping the Board of Moving Pictures Censors in Virginia, with greater power, if necessary, to protect the moral standards of Virginia. In the Richmond Times-Dispatch poll, my opponent took a public stand as favoring abolishing the Board of Virginia Moving Picture Censors.

Obviously one cannot in a briefstatement cover all the matters to come before the Legislature, but I pledge myself if nominated and elected, to work for all matters that will benefit the District and State and to oppose such laws as would teardown our moral standards or inflict hardship upon our people.

I urge the voters to cast their ballots next Tuesday on a basis of issues and to ignore any rumors and last minute political ingenuity. I have sought to be fair and clean in this campaign and have the highest personal regard for the character and ability of my opponent. I feel, however, that since Buckingham County has and the delegate since 1923, that under a gentlemen's agreement made in 1923 between the two Counties, Appomattox is entitled to have the delegate when the Buckingham incumbent did not offer for reelection. Furthermore, there is and can be no possible connection between your vote in the House of Delegates contest and your vote in the State Senate contest.

Respectfully,

Calvin H. Robinson

SEND Us news items from your community. Have them reach us by Wednesdays. We want all the news of the county we serve.

TIMES-VIRGINIAN

SUPPORT Your home town. Get the habit of coming to Appomattox, not just on Saturdays, but all during the week. You'll find it pays.

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FATHER *Darkleaf*

Abraham Lincoln was asked to write a verse in a young lady's album. He wrote: "When you write to any one on a matter that interests and concerns you alone, always enclose a postage stamp."

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From a bushel of corn the distiller got 4 gallons of whiskey, which retails at $16.80. The farmer got 75 cents; the government got 4.4; the railroad got 1.00; the druggman got 15 cents; the retailer got $7; the consumer got DRUNK; the wife got HUNGER; the children got RAGS; the politicians got OFFICE.

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One thing that always rubs me the wrong way: for someone to refer to Appomattox as "the village."

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What the nation really needs is a new jove a week.

Tobacco Being Cut

Prospect, August 7.—Some tobacco has been cut in this section. Reports vary on that already housed, with some farmers alarmed at the amount of tobacco specked.

Heavy rains have done injury to much of the low-ground tobacco.

Fine Corn Crops

Observers point to the fact that Appomattox county has one of the best corn crops in recent years.

Uniformly over the county corn is unusually good at this season, with prospects bright for a heavy yield.

Church News

Complying with the request of the Board of Health, all services for children fifteen years of age and younger will be omitted until September 1st, or until further notice Services for all above fifteen years will be held on Sunday as follows:

9:30 A. M. Sunday School
11:00 A. M. Morning Worship
7:00 P. M. Senion B. T. U.

Local Boys Go To C.C.C. Camp

A steady stream of young men from this section lined up this week for enrollment in the CCC.

Lynchburg is the center for the counties, in this area where the boys enroll. Boys from here were sent to camps at Luray and Douthat.

There was a scene reminesent of war recruiting times here Monday as over two dozen boys awaited the trip for enrollment.

70th Anniversary

The Lynchburg National Bank and Trust Co. is now celebrating its 70th anniversary. This banking house was established just 4 months after the surrender at Appomattox. See their adv. on page 8.

Notice of Thanks

I take this means of thanking my friends in Appomattox and Buckingham counties who supported me in Tuesday's primary and I congratul te my opponent, J. B. Boatwright on his victory.

Calvin H. Robinson

Joe Louis, Detroit negro, knocked out King Levinsky, of Chicago, in next round last night.

Alfalfa Again

Alfalfa will check soil erosion for 5,000 years, Experiments show that a seven-inch layer of surface soil, on an average, is good at this season, completely washed away within a lifetime —Hoard's Dairyman.

Down the Lane

Butter made in May and June has the highest color and flavor.

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Of the 3,300,000 orchard heaters in use in California, 2,000,000 are oil burning.

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Wool production in this country last year was approximately 418,158,000 pounds, or about 9,000,000 less than in 1933.

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A cord of wood from one acre each year, or 200 to 700 board feet, is a reasonable amount to expect from a well-stocked woodlot.

Moses Winner For Senate in Tuesday's Primary

Boatwright Named For House; O'Brien Commissioner of Revenue and Owen Supervisor

Charles T. Moses, of Appomattox won out over J. Kent Early, of Charlotte, for the state senate in the eleventh senatorial district in Tuesday's primary.

Moses carried Appomattox, Buckingham and Cumberland counties, to overcome Early's 1700 majority in Charlotte.

John B. Boatwright, of Buckingham, defeated Calvin H. Robinson, of Appomattox for the house of Delegates.

J. H O'Brien, incumbent, won his nomination for commissioner of revenue in Appomattox county.

T. E Owen, incumbent, defeated S. L Wheeler for supervisor of the Cumberwall district.

Precinct returns for Appomattox county follows:

Court house: Moses 514, Early 77; Boatwright 418, Robinson 169; O'Brien 451, King 142.

Cheatwood: Moses 29, Early 10; Boatwright 24, Robinson 15; O'Brien 20, King 19.

Chap: Moses 69, Early 33; Boatwright 61; Robinson 40; O'Brien 65, Brien 113, King 40.

Walker's Church: Moses 63, Early 37; Boatwright 51, Robinson 49; O'Brien 65, King 32.

Clover Hill: Moses 242, Early 20; Boatwright 198; Robinson 62; O'Brien 211; King 49.

Agee: Moses 149, Early 22; Boatwright 151, Robinson 19; O'Brien 108, King 57; Owen 135, Wheeler 27.

Oakville: Moses 154, Early 23; Boatwright 139, Robinson 40; O'Brien 113, King 63; Owen 124, Wheeler 56.

Stonewall: Moses 142, Early 73; Boatwright 92, Robinson 124, O'Brien 83, King 128; Owen 42, Wheeler 174.

Totals: Moses 1580, Early 346; Boatwright 1328, Robinson 591; O'Brien 1300, King 611; Owen 301, Wheeler 257.

Actual returns on only one Buckingham precinct, were available: New Canton, which showed 112 for Robinson and 81 Boatwright.

Priddy Wins

In Charlotte county's voting on Tuesday, sheriff Priddy was the winner over Hugh Snell in a close race, with less than 100 votes to spare.

Walter Johnson retires as manager of Cleveland baseball team.

Burks Winner

Charles E Burks, of Lynchburg, defeated Dudley Davis for the senate from Lynchburg and Campbell counties in Tuesday's primary.

Shrader Named

L. H Shrader, of Amherst won out by 102 votes over C A Mitchell Tuesday for the House of Delegates from Amherst.

Has Close Call

County clerk C R Woodson, had a narrow escape in Campbell county, nosing out A H Light only 21 votes.

Italy calls 75,000 more men to arms for pending fight with Ethiopia.

E. G. Blackwell Dies Suddenly

Funeral services for E. G. Blackwell were held from the home last Sunday afternoon. Mr. Blackwell died very suddenly early Saturday, Rev W M Thompson, assisted by Rev. W K Cunningham, conducted the services. There was a Masonic burial at the grave.

Mr. Blackwell was 68 years of age and a life long citizen of this county. He was highly respected throughout this section and will be greatly missed.

He is survived by his widow, a half brother, George Blackwell and three sons, Eddie, Curtis and Frank Blackwell, and two daughters Odelle Blackwell and Mrs. Lucille Wright.

Cheatham - Hoffman

John Randolph Cheatham, formerly of Appomattox, and Miss Kath erine Hoffman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Hoffman, of Hagerstown, Md., were married Monday, August 5. Mr. Cheatham was a graduate of the local high school in the class of 1921 and of the University of Richmond, class of 1925. He was the grandson of the late George F. Purdum, of Appomattox and is now connected with the General Motors Acceptance Corporation at Hagerstown.

Rats Now Farmers' Bothersome Enemy

Destroy Thousands of Baby Chicks, Much Feed and Other Property.

Dr. O. C. Oderkirk of the U. S. Biological Survey—NYA Service.

Rats rate as the public enemy No. 1 on the farm at this season of the year, for they not only kill thousands of baby chicks but also destroy feed and other property. It is a common occurrence for rats to destroy as many as 25 to 50 baby chicks in a single raid and they have been known to clean a brooder house and wipe out as high as 500 chicks in one night.

Powdered red squill is the best poison for fighting rats, since it is deadly to them but comparatively harmless to domestic animals and humans. The squill should be mixed with some bait such as canned salmon, hamburger or a mixture of moistened rolled oats and corn. One part of poison to 16 parts bait by weight is the correct proportion. The different baits should be put out in reasonoful quantities so that the rats may enjoy their preference.

Even though red squill is comparatively harmless to domestic animals, care should be taken to prevent chickens or dogs from eating large quantities of the poisoned bait.

Calcium cyanide fumigant is another rat exterminator which may be used successfully, especially in burrows, under concrete floors and other places where the gas can be confined. It should be applied with a foot pump duster made especially for this purpose. The operator should avoid breathing the poisonous fumes.

Co-operative community rat campaigns during which poison is distributed all over the community at the same time are effective. The cost of such activities is low compared to the damage done by the rats.

Manganese Is a Poison, Also Tonic for Plants

A substance that has been generally accepted as a poison to plant life has been shown by later experiments to be a valuable tonic. The substance is manganese, a chemical element some what resembling iron. When lacking or present in too small an amount in the soil, plants have a sickly yellow green color. When such plants are fed with manganese sulphate in water to the extent of eight parts in a million they become vigorous and healthy. Their yield has been increased as much as 215 per cent. If the manganese is increased slightly above this amount it becomes toxic and the plants become unhealthy. Within this narrow margin manganese is a tonic for plant life and outside it becomes a poison.

"Manganese is not a panacea for any and all cases of plant starvation which the usual ration of nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium plant foods will not cure. The crop may be in need of minute traces of soluble compounds of boron, copper, zinc and possibly of other elements not yet definitely known as required elements in plant nutrition," says an official of the office of experimental stations of the United States Department of Agriculture.

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Excessively high summer temperatures are known to cause a decrease in egg size.

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Colored fights are now used to candie eggs. Candied before a green or blue light, the content of the egg is more easily seen.

Ready To Start Park Project Here

$100,000 Appropriation Included In Final Draft Of Bill

A bill designed to create a national monument park at the famous Surrender area at Appomattox has been passed this week by the senate, and now lacks only the signature of President to become law.

The measure was sponsored by congressman P. H. Drewry in the house, where it was passed first.

In the senate, the measure was amended by changing its name from a park to monument and cutting the area from five miles down to one and a half.

The measure carries an appropriation of $100,000.

The name of the project was changed from "park" to "monument" in order to comply with an arbitrary rule of the war department for naming such areas.

Engineers are already here on the preliminary work. A new CCC camp will be established adjacent to the area.

It is not known whether plans call for the reconstruction of the famous McLean House in which the surrender papers were signed.

Sumac Sold

Despite the low prices being offered, large quantities of sumac are being bought here at Appomattox, at Pamplin, and at Prospect. Many otherwise idle have busied themselves gathering it.

New Camp

The second CCC Camp for this county will be located at the Durrum farm just outside of Appomattox. Officials are expected here tomorrow to arrange plans for work on the camp.

Bird Called Cassowary Shown at Field Museum

A specimen of the strange large flightless bird called the cassowary, a number of varieties of which are found in New Guinea and Northern Australia, and among neighboring islands, has been placed on exhibition at Field Museum of Natural History in the hall containing the systematic collection of birds, reports a bulletin from the museum.

The exhibit is unique in that it was prepared by application of a new departure in museum taxidermy methods previously used in connection with reptiles and certain kinds of mammals, but now for the first time employed on a bird. This process, originated and developed by Leon L. Walters of the museum's taxidermy staff, has special advantages in making possible life-like preparations of animals which often, because of certain characteristics, lose qualities of natural appearance when treated by ordinary methods of mounting the skin. By this process the animals or such parts of them as require special attention to assure verisimilitude to their appearance in life, are reproduced from the original specimens in a cellulose-acetate composition in which all natural colors, lines and qualities are preserved to an extent impossible with the original material. In the process there are used molds made from the original specimen.

In the case of the cassowary, the body is a mount of the skin prepared in the ordinary manner, but the head and neck, which are characterized by naked wattles and patches of very bright blues, reds and yellows, and the legs, are reproduced by the Walters method.

War Relics Found

Hungarian relics of the Freedom War of '48 have been identified in the famous museum of the Tzars, according to the information received and include the last documents and exhibits taken from Hungary. The relics consist of correspondence between the Hungarian patriot Rokosz and Peter the Great, with 22 flags which the Russians captured from the armies of Gregory and Ben in 1849. The flags, which are in good state of preservation, are of heavy silk and show a picture of the Virgin and the emblems of Hungary. A picture showing the surrender of the Hungarians at Vilagos was also found in the museum and is stated to have been painted by a Russian officer who took part in the fighting.

Traits of Big Trees

The Grizzly Giant, one of the famous big trees located in Yosemite National park, has a wild gooseberry bush growing on one of its branches nearly 100 feet from the ground. The unusual location of the gooseberry bush is attributed to birds having carried the seeds. Two other interesting items concerning Yosemite's big trees have recently come to light. In one instance attention is called to the fact that the twps of two big trees in the Mariposa grove have grown together. And one of the big trees in the Merced grove has a stream flowing under its base.

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